

## Resumé

Sovereign debt crisis in the eurozone that struck most of the countries in the European Union in 2008 has brought forward a specific relationship between budgetary autonomy and national identity. With the development of situation in Greece, it seems that the topic is very relevant again. I have focused on finding the answer to question whether the budgetary autonomy can be considered a part of national identity. As a secondary question I have looked into the approach for assesment of what is still an acceptable limitation of budgetary autonomy.

Methodologically I have used the topic-relevant literature and analysed the decisions of the Court of Justice of the European Union as well as Czech and German Constitutional Courts. I have then synthesised general conclusions that allowed me to answer the researched question.

The paper is divided into three parts. In the first part I have focused on building a strong theoretical background and clarification of the concepts of budgetary autonomy and national identity. Third part is dedicated to the analysis of current decisions of the German Constitutional Court and their confrontation with my findings from the first and the second part.

I did not confirm the hypothesis. In conclusion, I have stated that budgetary autonomy can not be considered a part of national identity for two key reasons. Firstly, budgetary autonomy is a mechanism, through which the state policy is executed. Moreover, a mechanism, that is universal and standard in democratical law state and can hardly be considered as something specific. Secondly, budgetary autonomy holds no value, it is a strictly neutral term that can be used for promotion of aspects of national identity as well as for suppressing them.

Based on the court's decision making and earlier articles and other literature on the matter, I have defined the concept of national identity in a broader sense than the text of the Treaty on the European Union. I also consider cultural and historical notions to be a part of national identity. This supports my conclusion that an aspect of national identity must carry some inherent value, otherwise it can not be considered as such.

With regards to assessment of limits for limitation of budgetary autonomy I believe that in such case the court takes on the authority to review steps of legislator, he should consider the limitations against profits and potential loss.